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Phi Delta Theta becomes newest fraternity

Fraternity boasts strong friendship, integrity, grades

By KARA SWINK
WEB LIAISON

Last spring, a Northwest senior noticed the University's fraternities were missing something. He just wasn't sure what it was until he took the problem into his own hands.

Now his hard work and dedication is about to pay off.

Since his time at Northwest, Justin Corbett, member of Phi

Theta Theta, said he favored the idea of fraternity life but never joined because of the stereotypes associated with it.

"The fraternities (at Northwest) didn't appeal to me," Corbett said. "But when I was researching Phi Delta Theta, they stuck out because their ideals matched my own."

Corbett favored the fraternity's ideas of a strong friendship between brothers, high academic achievement and for all members to live their life with integrity. The organization is using the name Phi Theta Theta until they become recognized as a fraternity by the international headquarters.

Recruitment began immediately after weeks of research, and

The fraternity has 172 chapters in 43 states and six Canadian provinces.

THE LOWDOWN ON ΦΔΘ

Famous Phi Deltas include: Neil Armstrong, first astronaut on the moon, Lou Gehrig, baseball hall of fame player, Burt Reynolds, actor, Roger Ebert, film critic, and Doak Walker, NFL hall of fame player.

Gained acceptance from Inter-Fraternity Council three weeks ago.

source: www.phitdeltatheta.org

Corbett had 20 students interested in forming a chapter at Northwest last summer, he said.

The current 25 members of Phi Theta Theta are anticipating their colonization, which will be the last step in becoming an accredited fraternity.

Phi Delta Theta's head of expansion from Miami University

in Oxford, Ohio will visit the organization mid-March to make their decision. The organization could become nationally recognized as early as next fall.

"We are going to be a well-rounded fraternity," Corbett said. "We've already set a goal for ourselves: to win fraternity of the year next year and to become the

ideal frat at Northwest."

The men knew they were on their way when Student Senate recognized the men of Phi Theta Theta as a local organization last fall and when the Inter-Fraternity Council accepted the idea three weeks ago, said Ben Ramos, Phi Theta Theta president.

"We may have been accepted

by the Inter-Fraternity Council, but that doesn't mean we are members," Ramos said. "That's what we want to be. This way we can be part of the Greek community and have national recognition that helps other Greeks in the system see us instead of just another organization."

Phi Delta Theta was founded in 1840 at Miami University a year after an uproar with Beta Theta Pi, the University's fraternity at the time.

Members of Beta Theta Pi and other students were expelled by the university president, after students blocked the entrance of the main educational and administrative building in what became known as the Great Snow Rebellion in a protest against the

president.

The last fraternity added to Northwest was Kappa Sigma in the fall of 1996, said Bryan VanOsdale, director of campus activities and Greek life.

VanOsdale, Phi Delta Theta alumnus from Tennessee Technological University, said Phi Theta Theta members have been inquiring about his days in the fraternity.

"I'm just as excited as I would be if any organization came to me, but I think it's great this group of young men want the Greek experience," VanOsdale said. "Northwest's chapter of Phi Delta Theta will bring in diversity, new blood and new people who otherwise wouldn't go Greek."

Geography teacher leaves for action

Corson leaves behind family

By PETE GUTSCHENRITTER
UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

As the United States prepares for a possible war with Iraq, one of Northwest's own received a call to war Feb. 3.

Six days later, Michelle Corson drove her husband, Mark, associate geography professor, to Fort Riley, Kan., where he will be deployed for war.

Corson, who is in the U.S. Army Reserve, has been serving the country for 20 years. Two years ago, he was sent to Kosovo when war was possible. Now the commander of a 450-member transportation battalion is needed to fight in another heated situation.

Corson is responsible for transportation movement control. He compared his job to air traffic control personnel and a moving company combined.

"If you want stuff moved, you call us, and we'll move it," Corson said.

Corson also had to put his personal life on hold.

Corson was forced to leave behind two daughters, his wife and his students. He was teaching Introduction to Geography, Economic Geography, Geography of Europe and Military Geography.

Corson said the geography department faculty will fill in for his classes.

"We've actually expected this since November," Corson said. "We identified a contingency plan, and we had it all in place. I had one class to tell my students what was going to happen. It should work really well, and hopefully, it will

be a smooth transition."

Gregory Haddock, geography department head, is teaching Corson's Introduction to Geography course.

"(Monday), we had a test, but they didn't complain," Haddock said. "So far, (classes) have been going smooth."

As for the rest of the trimester, Haddock said Corson's classes will be covered by the department without hiring anyone new.

"We have enough expertise in the department that it won't be a problem," Haddock said. "We don't know if he's going to be gone the rest of the trimester, but we're going to handle it internally."

Corson's wife Michelle said she knew it was only a matter of time before he was going to be called up.

"If you're watching current

(Please see 'Corson' page 5A)

Northwest drives county's economy

University spends \$72 million in city

By PETE GUTSCHENRITTER
UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

In 1905, the founding fathers of Northwest sought, saw and conquered as they established an institution in northwest Missouri.

Now, 98 years later, the University has put a yearly sum of \$72 million back into the economy in Nodaway County, according to Mark Jelavich, associate professor of economics.

Jelavich, along with Jim Walker, assistant professor of marketing management, and Bruce Domazlicky, economics professor at Southeast Missouri State University, came up with the number after gathering information from Northwest and the community.

The study found that \$29.2 million comes from different personal expenses including food, gasoline and entertainment. Northwest's overall payroll from faculty and Aramark totaled \$27.3 million and the overall Uni-

versity spending amounted to \$5.7 million, according to Jelavich's report.

The project began when a group of students from Walker's marketing management class gathered information for an in-class assignment.

"They went out, and it was about 1,000-1,200 people that they gathered information from," Walker said. "They estimated the money and the working behaviors, and they reported it."

The final estimates came

from Domazlicky when he entered the numbers into IMPLAN, a model that is designed to calculate totals for businesses and universities.

"Dr. Jelavich was responsible for giving me the numbers," Domazlicky said. "I looked at the spending by the University and faculty, and I put it into the model."

The overall figure of the total estimates accounts for 18 percent of the jobs in Nodaway

County, and one sixth of all money comes from the University, according to the report.

Across the county, there are several working plants that provide a large number of jobs. Energizer and Kawasaki both have plants on the outskirts of town while other stores benefit from the \$72 million that goes back to the economy.

Tom Bliss, director of Nodaway County economic development, said the University has affected the town of Maryville in a lot of different ways.

"I can't think of a town of 10,000 that has a Baskin Robbins," Bliss said. "I think the entire county is proud to have a university, and many people take advantage of that."

That exact scenario is evidenced by the Wal-Mart Supercenter. Store manager Lonnie Scheffe said the University plays a big role in the economy.

"The University affects my

"The University affects my sales from 19-24 percent, so it plays a big part in the store operation."

LONNIE SCHEFFE
WAL-MART SUPERCENTER STORE MANAGER

Black Achievement Month February 1-28



PHOTO BY ABBY SIMONS/MANAGING EDITOR

Cheryl Brown Henderson delivers her speech to the audience Tuesday at Mary Linn in the Performing Arts Center. Henderson's father, Oliver, sued the Topeka Board of Education so Henderson could attend a white public school.

Speaker highlights achievement month

Brown Henderson shares life story and its meaning

By MARK EUSTON
CHIEF REPORTER

With the start of Black Achievement Month last week, Northwest has held several events to honor past and current black accomplishments.

Cheryl Brown Henderson, daughter of Oliver Brown of Brown vs. the Board of Education of Topeka fame, gave a speech Tuesday night at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. The speech focused on the case itself, her life and the ramifications of the Supreme Court case.

Much of what people believe about Brown vs. the Topeka Board of Education is false, Henderson said.

"Many people believe that my father was angry because his daughter couldn't go to the school she wanted but that wasn't the case," she said.



PHOTO BY ABBY SIMONS/MANAGING EDITOR

Cheryl Brown Henderson talks with Northwest academy students after her speech Tuesday night. Henderson was at Northwest as a part of Black Achievement Month.

At the time of the case, Henderson would not be born for several months.

"A lot of people have thanked our family," Henderson said. "We didn't do anything in particular. (The case) was named for my father, but he was one of nearly 200 plaintiffs."

The Brown case was monumental because it overturned laws in more than 21 states.

"Brown vs. the Topeka Board of Education decision was more significant in this country, in terms of changes

than the passage of the three amendments after the Civil War," Henderson said. "What the Brown decision did was it said to this country we could no longer hide the fact that we had a racial problem. In some parts of the country, we still have a racial problem today."

The case was also important for another reason according to Henderson.

"Brown vs. the Topeka Board of Education sent a message that people could, in fact, make a

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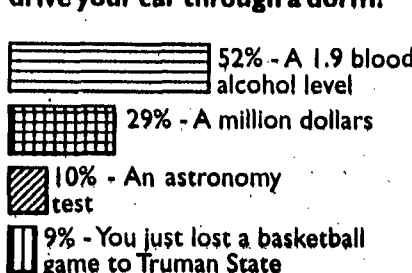
Julian dishes out a little Valentine's Day advice for men, explains why sorority girls are always loud, reveals if he is the Stroller and tells why tuition rises along with the west end of Rickenbrode Stadium. He will reveal all in this week's Ask Julian.



Can a blind man save the world? Maybe if the blind man is "Daredevil," check the Buzz Friday to get the lowdown on this week's new release.

Poll question:

What would it take for you to drive your car through a dorm?



This week's poll question:

Who do you think Joe Millionaire will pick this week?

- Zora
- Sarah
- Neither of them will pick him when they find out he is poor.
- Who's Joe Millionaire?

Library holds a piece of world's first computer

By MICHELLE STACY
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Jean Jennings Bartik Computing Museum in Owens Library will exhibit an important piece of computer history.

The Smithsonian National Museum of American History loaned an original decade ring counter to Northwest this month. The counter helped program the world's first computer, the Electronic Numerical Integrator and Computer.

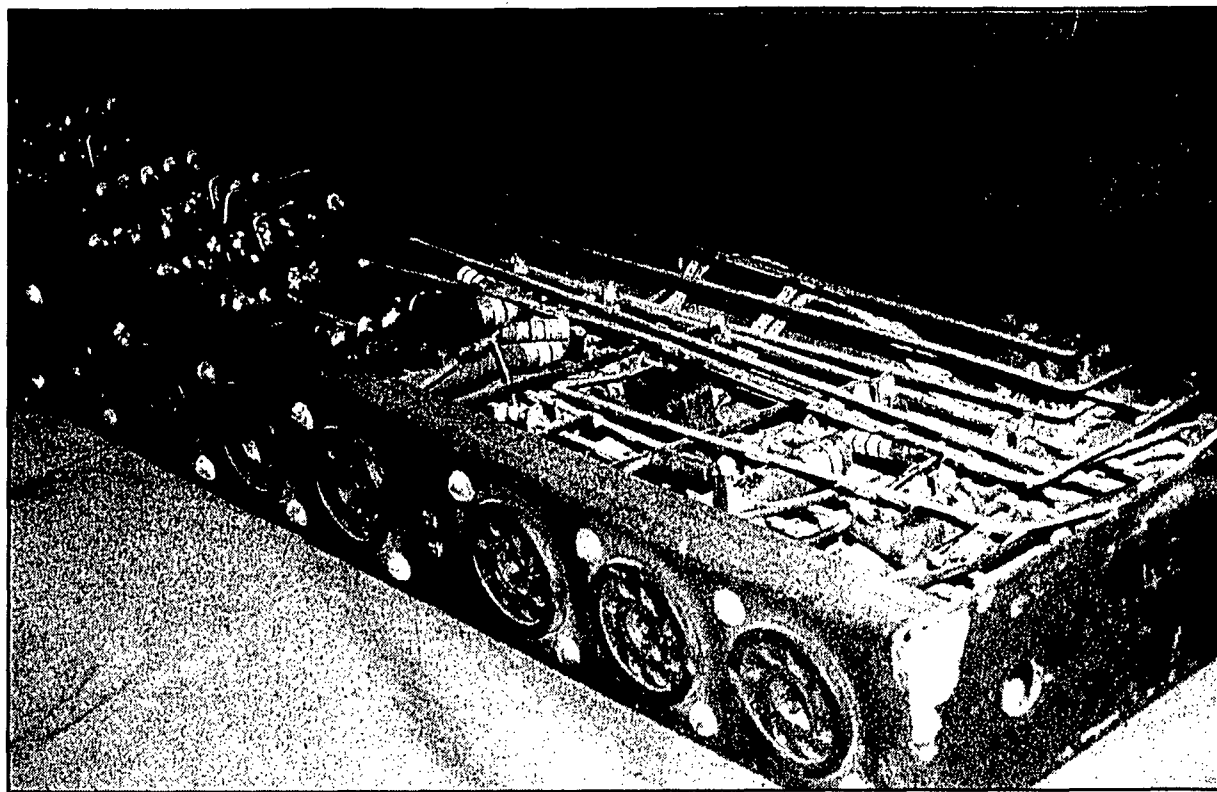
The ENIAC was developed to calculate artillery trajectories for the U.S. Army during World War II. Its main designers, J. Presper Eckert and John W. Mauchly, constructed the ENIAC at the Moore School of Engineering at the University of Pennsylvania.

The museum was named after 1945 Northwest graduate Jean Bartik, a Stanberry native. She was one of six women who helped program the ENIAC.

The museum will feature the decade ring counter until December 2005. Northwest will then have the opportunity to extend the loan for another three years.

The museum will also feature original motion pictures of the ENIAC, Bartik and other programmers. The exhibit will include the ENIAC's first programming sheets and photographs of Bartik's participation in the design of the BINAC and the UNIVAC, the first commercial electronic computers.

The museum will also feature the nameplate and serial number plate of the original UNIVAC and documents about the UNIVAC.



A piece of the world's first computer rests in the basement of Owens Library through an agreement with the Smithsonian. The piece is equivalent to one chip in modern computers. The piece was used to program the first electronic computer.

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ments about the UNIVAC.

The museum will exhibit an original Commodore Apple computer used by Northwest faculty in the 1970s and the first portable computers. Also included is a set of computers showing the development of the first electronic campus.

The museum will display Bartik's awards for accomplishments along with memorabilia from Bartik's activities at Northwest from 1941 to 1945.

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According to Kim Todd, assistant director and archivist for the museum and academic computing user consultant, the exhibit is a great benefit because it shows the achievements of Northwest alumni.

"This is an amazing accomplishment," Todd said. "We actually graduate quality students who have wonderful skills who are going to do

amazing, sometimes pioneering things out in the field."

Todd also said the exhibit is unique because Northwest has the only museum besides the Smithsonian and the University of Pennsylvania to possess these artifacts.

Individuals or small groups interested in visiting the museum can contact Kim Todd for an appointment at 562-1434.

Departments to use grants to incorporate diversity

By SARAH SWEDBERG
MISSOURIAN CHIEF REPORTER

In the fall trimester, students and faculty from two University departments were awarded grants to continue to promote culture and diversity in education.

Roy Schwartzman, associate professor of communication and basic course director, gave students in his propaganda class the opportunity to reach out to Maryville High School students and community members with a grant received in December 2002.

"The grant-writing team invested about six to eight weeks working back and forth between the ideas of classmates and the stipulations of the grant," Schwartzman said.

At the same time, Michael Steiner, assistant professor of history, humanities, philosophy and political science and secretary of the Japan Studies Association, obtained a grant in December 2002 to

conduct intensive workshops in Japan studies in Honolulu, Hawaii, for three weeks in the summers of 2003-2005.

In the Department of Communication, Theatre and Language, a team of two Northwest students and a graduate, wrote a grant for their propaganda class in the fall of 2002.

Ultimately, Schwartzman said the grant will be used to set up a multimedia resource center at Maryville High School for improving awareness of the Holocaust and to promote understanding among different faiths and cultures.

The Southern Poverty Law Center provided \$1,000 to fund the assembly of resources which will be used to counteract Holocaust denial. He also said books, videos, CD-ROMs and replicas of Holocaust-era documents will allow the history of this period to become a reality.

"These resources will help students and community members to appreciate the experiences of those who endured the Holocaust," Schwartzman said. "With these resources, we bring the information here so students and community members have easy access to resources that will open minds and combat misconceptions."

The propaganda course at Northwest was selected as one of about a dozen new sites nationally in the Communicating Common Ground service-learning project for 2002-2003.

"Multiculturalism is one of Northwest's 10 education key quality

indicators," Schwartzman said. "We wanted to establish permanent resources to enhance teaching about the Holocaust."

Schwartzman said grants are awarded throughout the year grants are awarded to support projects developed by elementary, secondary and higher education institutions to raise public awareness about diversity.

Since the Maryville community is somewhat geographically and culturally isolated, Schwartzman said it is difficult to gain exposure to cultural diversity.

The community service projects included a televised public forum on Islam, public readings of works by black authors, storytellers documenting the lives of local senior citizens, an Asian-American film festival and a presentation about the Holocaust and its effects.

In order to

incorporate the culture of Japan into humanities, social sciences and business courses, the Freeman Foundation awarded the Japan Studies Association \$300,000 to conduct workshops in Japan studies.

Steiner, national secretary for the Japan Studies Association, said the association's big objective is to get more and more people involved in Japan Studies.

"Ideally, we will have a mixture of people out of the 20 participants," Steiner said. "They will be spread pretty evenly across the different disciplines, and they will be geographically diverse from the different parts of the United States."

All of the participants will take part in these workshops at Tokai University in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Well-known Japan specialists will lead workshops covering the subject areas which will include history, politics, literature, business and the arts. The study's primary purpose is to introduce to faculty and administrators all aspects of Japanese society.

"The idea is that they'll take this new base they have in Japanese studies and start to integrate it into their courses," Steiner said.

Since the Japan Studies Association is housed in Steiner's office, all the literature, announcements and information goes out addressed from Northwest.

"This gives the University a lot of exposure around the world," Steiner said. "We have participants from China and Japan and elsewhere who know about Northwest because of the Japan Studies Association."

Northwest Passes the Pride



PHOTO BY ADAM HUNT/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER

Pass the Pride Day attendees had the chance to talk with members of the Maryville Alumni Chapter and the Northwest Ambassadors Saturday.

Ceremony honors students

By GINNY FRANCIS
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Distinguished student leaders were awarded for their dedication to service Monday night as they were inducted into one of the most prestigious honorary clubs in the nation.

Student Senate and Provost Taylor Barnes introduced 76 Northwest students into Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities.

Students were nominated by campus organizations and chosen based on their academic performance, leadership skills, extracurricular activities and contributions to the community.

Alpha Mu Gamma, Northwest's

international modern language honor society, nominated senior Michaela Hand.

"I was pretty excited when I first found out because I've heard it was a big honor," said Hand. "It's a nice way to honor the culmination of my four years here."

The program has honored outstanding campus leaders for more than 60 years and has over 2,300 participating schools.

It remains one of the only clubs that requires no dues or initiation fees. Barnes challenged the new inductees to continue dreaming and doing the impossible.

"This is truly one recognition that permeates prestige," he said.

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Men and women shop to please

Valentine's Day forces sweethearts to take out their wallets and support numerous local businesses

By ALEXI GROOMOUTIS
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

With Feb. 14 just around the corner, local businesses are busy helping Cupid take aim at the perfect gift.

Tonya Wilmes, owner of Emily's Flower Shack, said men and women show opposite tastes when shopping for one another on Valentine's Day.

"Usually, the guys get the girls roses, always roses no matter how much they cost," she said.

Wilmes said, while men try to be romantic and sincere, women have something else in mind.

"The girls always give gag gifts," Wilmes said. "They want to em-

barrass them."

According to Wilmes, it's not unusual for her to create a bouquet of flowers stuffed with bras and panties. She usually delivers these risqué packages to factories where the men receive their embarrassing gifts in front of their co-workers.

"Everybody laughs at them," Wilmes said. "They think it's funny. They want to know who the lucky winner is."

She said the gag gifts not only embarrass the guys, but the women also get use out of the gifts.

Wilmes said she gets more orders for Valentine's Day from men compared to women. According to an Associated Press article, men will spend an average of \$90 this Valentine's Day, while women will spend \$60.

Tanya Thompson, assistant manager of Rod's Hallmark Shop,

said women think long term when buying the perfect Valentine's Day gift.

"I think girls buy more practical gifts that guys can use all year long," Thompson said.

Northwest student Maggie Davis, 21, plans on buying her boyfriend a gift she thinks he desperately needs this Valentine's Day. "I think giving flowers on Valentine's Day is dumb, cause they die," Davis said.

Davis plans on buying her sweetheart pajamas because she's not happy with his usual sleepwear. "He comes over and sleeps in wind pants," Davis said.

Thompson said some people start shopping for Valentine's gifts at the beginning of February, but men tend to procrastinate until Feb. 13.

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"Usually, the guys get the girls roses, always roses no matter how much they cost."

TONYA WILMES
OWNER OF EMILY'S FLOWER SHACK



PHOTO BY KERRY JONES/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER

Valentine's Day is a busy time for many flower and gift shops. Cindy White, assistant at Emily's Flower Shack, prepares an arrangement for the special day.

Hy-Vee hosts fund-raiser

By SARAH SWEDBERG
CHIEF REPORTER

Maryville Hy-Vee's love will extend beyond the heart and into the lives of those with juvenile diabetes as it hosts its first Valentine's Day filled with activities.

Beginning at 9 a.m., Hy-Vee greeter, Fred Mares is beginning the day by volunteering to play an electric piano inside Hy-Vee for 24 hours to encourage donations.

"We are going to have a fish tank where people can drop coins, bills and checks," Mares said. "The reason why we wanted a fish tank is so that people could actually see their money being donated for this."

This event will continue during a candlelight dinner being provided to all citizens beginning at 5 p.m. in the Hy-Vee deli.

According to Eula Mares, chairwoman of Hy-Vee's fund-raising projects, tables are being set up with tablecloths, flowers and candles. Waiters with black ties will be serving prime rib, stuffed pork chops and chicken breast completed with twice baked potatoes, vegetables and desserts.

"I will be serenading everyone who will be joining us for dinner," Mares said. "After the dinner is over, I will still be playing the piano into the overnight hours."

This event is just a part of many activities Hy-Vee has been sponsoring to meet its goal of \$8,000 to send to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation in Des Moines, Ia. Last year the store raised \$8,200, more money than any other Hy-Vee store in the region.

Mares hopes that college students will take part and contribute to the goal because it is possible that they could also be personally affected by this disease.

"We really want to encourage the college students to come out," Mares said. "Many are at that stage in their lives that they don't think about what is going on inside of them."

Mares said diabetes is one of those colorless, odorless and painless diseases a person may not know they have.

"We believe in the awareness of diabetes, and we encourage everyone to have their blood sugar checked," Mares said.

Pound Party



PHOTO BY KERRY JONES/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Humane Society sponsored their second Pound Party, Sunday, at the Hangar. Various community members showed up to eat, watch "Milo and Otis" and donate money for a shelter being built. The shelter is being constructed on 8.3 acres of land off of South Depot Street. An auction containing items from local business owners was used to collect donations.

Students speak out about optimism

By MARY BOSSUNG
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Five young Nodaway County residents sat in the courtroom of the county courthouse on Thursday anxiously awaiting the judges' decision.

Fortunately, the students were not on trial but waiting to find out who had won the Optimist Club's Oratorical Contest.

The Optimist Club is an international service organization that promotes activities to help youth become better citizens.

"A friend to youth," said Fred Mares, vice president and co-chair of the contest. "That's what we're all about."

According to club president, Terri Weichinger, the 27-member Maryville chapter provides opportunities and activities for the community's youth. They promote the value of education quality and to help them become better people by giving them an opportunity to grow.

"I don't think that we can ever

have enough people to support (the youth)," said Sue Dorrel, co-chair of this year's contest. "I'm glad that the Optimist Club is able to help (them) by providing activities and role models and especially to show them that they are loved."

The oratorical contest, one of many activities the club provides youth, gives students under the age of 16 a chance to write and perform a 4-5 minute speech to express their opinions.

Every year the Optimist Club sends letters to local schools to encourage students to participate in the contest. Some schools invite students that are interested to enter the contest. Other schools such as St. Gregory's School have made writing speeches a part of their curriculum.

Those who decide to participate in the contest perform their speeches in front of their school's faculty members. Each school is only allowed to send one boy and one girl to the contest.

The theme of this year's con-

test was "United We Stand in Optimism." The participants spoke about the importance of optimism and what it meant to them as individuals and together as a country.

The five participants included Megan Strandsky, 12, and Steven Scheffe, 13, from St. Gregory's School; Jackie Wilmes, 15, and Cale Bredlow, 14, from Northeast Nodaway School; and Courtney Wendel, 15, from South Nodaway School.

Each contestant was given points based on his or her appearance, poise, attitude, material organization of the theme, subject, value, arrangement and presentation skills.

In the girl's division, Wendel came in first place. In the boy's division, Bredlow took first.

"I am honored and very excited to be here," Wendel said.

The first place winners will now advance to the district level and then possibly to the state level.

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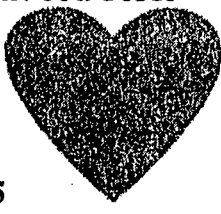
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Our View

Economic findings prove the positive results of teamwork

A recent study regarding Northwest and Nodaway County's economy seems to have proven that campus and community truly are a team.

The study by students and faculty in the Northwest economics and marketing department revealed that the University pumps more than \$72 million back into Nodaway County per year. Included in this impressive sum are everyday expenses by students and faculty, University payroll and University spending.

These findings give concrete evidence that Northwest serves as a valuable resource in a number of ways far outreaching that of the economy. There's also no denying that the community realizes and appreciates this fact in addition to returning the favor.

Among Northwest's strongest traditions are the bonds the University has shared with the city of Maryville since its inception in 1905. In the near century that has passed, the bond between the city and the University is stronger than ever.

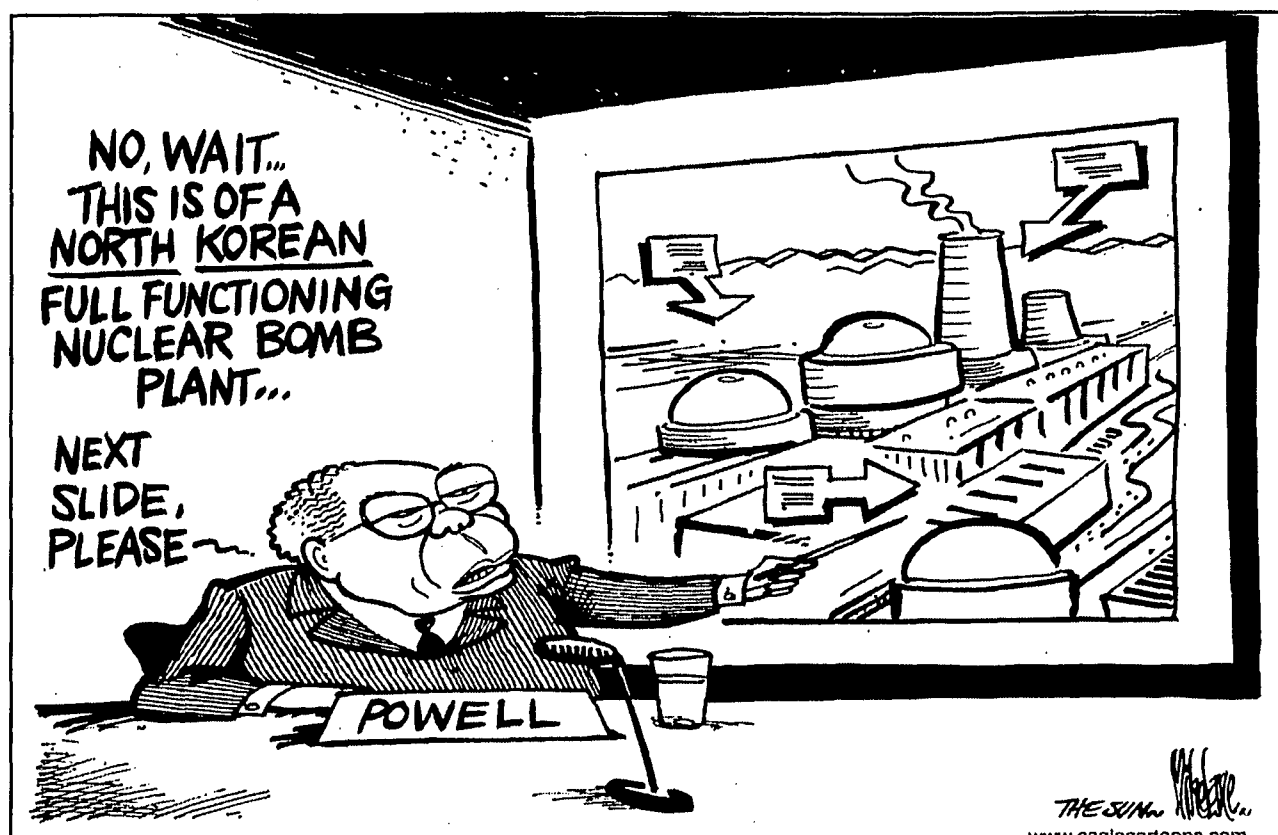
This tight connection shows through a number of sources. From churches that welcome students to services to discounts offered by area businesses and even to Northwest athletic programs filled to capacity by crowds of community supporters, the bond is evident. And the bond is strong.

Aiding and proving the economical interdependence, Maryville has offered a plethora of low-rent houses and apartments for students opting to live off-campus as well as the full and part-time jobs students need to finance these arrangements. Proving even more valuable is the number of jobs offered to Northwest graduates who continue to support and exhibit the quality of their University within the city.

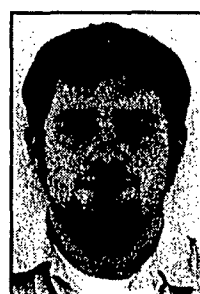
Serving an even greater contribution from Northwest to Maryville are the innumerable valuable resources offered to the community of only 10,000 residents which, in the eyes of many members of campus and community alike, far exceed any amount of money pumped into the economy.

With a mass of distinguished lecturers which include the likes of famed journalist Carl Bernstein, nationally known football coaches Herman Boone and Bill Yoast and, most recently, civil rights pioneer Cheryl Brown Henderson, these free-to-the-public events provide our small community with culture and opportunity unmatched by any other city of its size or even larger. The city of Maryville also freely enjoys the use of many on-campus facilities for recreation or other purposes, built, of course, through student tuition without a cent of the city taxpayers' money.

While any student or citizen of Maryville can attest that the relationship has been strained on occasion, often through isolated incidents of crime and punishment, these lurk deep in the shadows of a campus and community that work together. Both of which, thanks to each other, have a very bright future.



The Fire this Time



JED MURR
MISSOURIAN
COLUMNIST

Political censorship of antiwar artworks serves unfair agenda

Art is good, as long as it remains in step with the drums of war. That, in brief, is the fascist view of art proffered by both the Bush White House and the United Nations—in many ways, the two most powerful institutions in the world—over the past few weeks.

Last year, when John Ashcroft absurdly (and hilariously) covered a century-old justice department statue of Lady Justice (because of its naked breast), most of us passed it off as a comical symbol of his political career. But now, with the "with us or with the terrorists" rhetoric still ringing in every statement the Bush administration makes, the first lady has even gotten in on the madness—and this time it's much more serious.

Laura Bush, who prides herself on her literary sensibilities, has successfully proven that she is not really a supporter of art at all by canceling a poetry symposium because of the fear that some of the poets would protest against President Bush's war on Iraq.

The symposium was to be on the poetry of Emily Dickinson, Langston

Hughes and Walt Whitman and would have included some of the world's greatest living poets. Now, it is postponed indefinitely. A White House spokesperson said that Mrs. Bush felt "it would be inappropriate to turn a literary event into a political forum." Translation: We'll let you do your little art thing, but, if you disagree with us, shut up. When he learned of the statement, poet Sam Hamill said, "To have a symposium on Langston Hughes and expect not to have politics involved is how little politically astute they are. Poetry is a social voice; even a love poem has a political aspect."

After receiving his initial invitation from the White House, Hamill, who is the editor of a literary journal and a former U.S. Marine, contacted 15 friends asking for antiwar poems. He soon received more than 2,000 submissions from some of the most distinguished poets in the world including Adrienne Rich, Amiri Baraka, Hayden Carruth, Philip Levine, W.S. Merwin and the incumbent U.S. poet laureate, Billy Collins. Together, they are forming a movement reminiscent of the antiwar statements of great American writers like Robert Lowell, Mark Twain, and, ironically, Hughes and Whitman. Many poems have been posted on Hamill's Web site (www.poetsagainstthewar.org), which he has been using to help organize a nationwide day of "Poetry Against the War."

Meanwhile, at U.N. headquarters in New York, more censoring of dissent was taking place in preparation for Colin Powell's attempt to justify attacking Iraq. But this time the dissenting artist wasn't even living. A classic tapestry of Pablo Picasso's antiwar masterpiece "Guernica" was covered with a blue U.N. banner during Powell's televised address.

Picasso painted the work in response to the horrific 1937 Nazi bombing of the small town of Guernica in northern Spain. The bombing, which Francisco Franco permitted as "practice" for the German planes, destroyed the village and left 1,600 civilians dead or wounded. The enormous painting depicts dis-

torted, broken images of humans and animals suffering the ravages of war.

The United Nations claims the cover up was merely in order to create a better backdrop for the cameras, but anonymous diplomats told reporters that U.S. officials pressured the United Nations to occlude the famous artwork, presumably so it wouldn't interfere with their pro-war agenda.

The gross irony of the United Nations' action is brutally clear in light of the war plans publicly announced by the Pentagon: If the United States attacks Iraq, the plan calls for launching 300 to 400 cruise missiles at Iraq on the first day alone. That's more missiles than were launched during the entire Gulf War. On day two, we'll repeat the action.

As one Pentagon official happily announced, "There will not be a safe place in Baghdad." Baghdad is a city of 4 million civilians, 2 million of whom are children.

"The sheer size of this has never been seen before, never been contemplated before," the official said—not during our firebombing of Dresden or our atomic bombing of Japan or any of our military campaigns since. The battle plan is called "Shock and Awe," designed to psychologically destroy the Iraqi people. Well, those who survive the bombing anyway.

In other words, you and I are about to pay to do to Baghdad what the Luftwaffe did to Guernica. Only our bombing will be thousands of times more severe. And our leaders are trying to make sure you don't see anything that will make you think about that.

But underlying both ridiculous acts of censorship is the belief and, more importantly, the fear that art is powerful, that it can actually change the way people think—and that, of course, is what has always been behind the suppression of art in totalitarian societies and our own. No matter what your political opinions, look at "Guernica" this week and read some of the thousands of poems about this war because there is more to war than the video game-like dream we're getting from the media and the White House.

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Your View

Who would be your ultimate valentine?



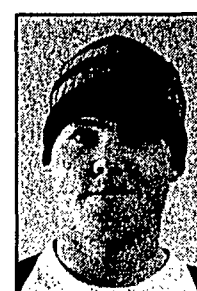
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"Why is it every time I see a campus tour, I feel compelled to yell, 'Beware of hidden costs!' or 'Horrible Union food!'"

"Norman Schwartzkopf, something tells me you wanna go home."

"What's with all the rusty metal outside the art building? Is it supposed to be art? I mean, who are they trying to fool with this stuff?"



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Letter to the Editor

Generation must show less apathy, more passion reflective of the '60s during threat of war

We've stolen the "hippie" fashions, but what about their passions?

I've always joked with my former "hippie" mom that I was born in the wrong generation. This isn't just because I love Jimi Hendrix or wear bell-bottoms but because of the now taken-for-granted changes that were made by the "flower-power" generation. The unity, love, passion, pain, and concern of the times was reflected in their lifestyles

from music to clothing to their sit-ins and demonstrations.

They've given our generation a lot more than that Beatles One CD in your car or that peasant blouse you wore yesterday to the Pub. The young men and women of the '60s can tell their children what impact they had on the world. What are we going to tell our children?

We are content with our apathy. We say, "There's nothing I can do about it, so I'm not going to waste

time thinking about it."

When did having an opinion become an effort?

It's true that our nation's leaders overlook issues involving our generation, but they overlooked issues involving our parents' generation too. That is, until they took a stand. But do you even know where you stand? Where do your friends stand? Why are we so afraid to think and at least talk to one another about it?

You don't know what you had until it's gone. Ask your parents what the draft was like. Ask them what it was like before Roe vs. Wade. And then, ask yourself "What do I think?"

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Northwest continues wait for Aquatic Center

By PETE GUTSCHENRITTER
UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

Students will have to keep their swimsuits in their duffel bags for at least one more month due to the ongoing renovations of the Robert P. Foster Aquatic Center.

David Duvall, construction manager for the University, said the aquatic center should be done by mid-March.

Last fall, posters on the aquatic center stated that the center would be open in January. However, when students came back from winter break, there were new signs posted stating that the center would not be open until spring.

Duvall said the process has been a struggle.

"We're probably about one month from being out of there," Duvall said. "The original goal was to be done by the end of December, but we had a supply problem. So, we bumped it back to the end of January, but we had another supply problem."

The renovation process began two years ago when the main pump was not working properly and because of safety issues concerning the chlorine gas accumulation in the pool area.

The construction crew is currently painting the walls. After the

paint is dry, they will fill the pool, Duvall said.

"There will be a period of time just to get the water up to the right temperature," Duvall said. "Then, we'll have to get the chemicals right, and we have to get all of that programmed."

The center also faced moisture leakage into the building prior to the renovation. To reduce that problem, Duvall said they will be tuckpointing, a process of grinding out mortar from between the bricks.

In addition to the new pump and the new insulation, new lighting and new lockers will also be added, Duvall said.

Bob Lade, recreational sports director, said there will not be any swimming classes scheduled until the pool is completely finished.

Lade said they had no other choice when deciding whether or not to remodel the center.

"The reason we renovated it was so it would stay running through the entire year," Lade said. "This renovation is a good thing. It's a small price you have to pay for a reliable pool."

The same attitude surfaced in 1993 when the University renovated the Lamkin Center, according to Lade.

"We had to do without some things then, and, when we renovated the Union, we had to do with-



PHOTO BY KERRY JONES/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER
Workers continue progress on the Aquatic Center. Once scheduled to open in January, it will now open later this spring. Remodeling included a new filter system and a paint job.

out some things," Lade said. "It's another step to improvement."

Duvall said he is hopeful the pool will be done within the next month, but he said it can be unpredictable.

"I would hope it gets done by mid-March, but it could be done as

late as mid-April," Duvall said. "There are things that are unpredictable, but the things that you can control, you do. It's a lot like the weather, it's so unpredictable. It's a learning experience."

Chamber narrows search for new executive director

By ABBY SIMONS
MANAGING EDITOR

After a month long vacancy in the position, the search has been narrowed down for the Greater Maryville Chamber of Commerce's newest executive director.

With interviews narrowed down to two applicants, Chamber board president Mark Gregg said a final hiring is anticipated for next week.

The search for a new executive director has been underway since the Jan. 3 resignation of Colleen Hastings, who left because of differences pertaining to the board members and her position.

Since the resignation, the eight-member board has spent the last month reviewing applications and résumés for potential successors. The position was advertised locally and regionally in newspapers and over the Internet. Applicants then e-mailed their résumés to the board through the Chamber Web site until the end of January.

Gregg said that, while one of the two remaining applicants is from Maryville, it will not affect the hiring process. However, applicants native to Maryville may have an advantage given that familiarity with the community is vital to the position of Chamber executive director. Gregg also said it will soon become a requirement that Executive Directors live in Maryville or be willing to locate to the city for the position.

"If the person lives here and knows they will live here, it's certainly better for a long-term relationship with the com-

munity, rather than someone who is not familiar with Maryville and is not sure they want to stay here," Gregg said.

While the Chamber has gone more than a month without a director, business has continued as usual in the hands of board members, as well as administrative assistant Tiffany Whipple, who has taken on Hastings' former responsibilities, which include representing the Chamber and Maryville at various functions throughout the region. Gregg said that, while no problems have been experienced since Hastings' resignation, the hiring of a new director will provide a much-needed boost for the Chamber in serving the area.

"Things have been going very smoothly, and things are definitely maintaining," Gregg said. "Now, we want to go forward instead of maintaining."

Whipple agreed, saying that, with a new director will come the new and fresh ideas needed to the Chamber.

"Everything is kind of at a standstill right now, but I'm sure that the ideas will just start flowing in soon," Whipple said.

Sarah Arnold, owner of Bee...ing Creative and a Chamber ambassador, said as a business owner, she has been satisfied with the Chamber's level of service since her store's fall opening. The Chamber's newest director, she said, will only serve as a positive contribution to Chamber's effort.

"We're looking forward to a new director and the new and fresh ideas they'll bring," Arnold said. "I really think the Chamber of Commerce has a lot of new young people and a lot of new ideas coming from those people."

SPEAKER from 1A

Speaker addresses court decision, future tasks for equality

difference," Henderson said. "It offered empowerment and official and legal power to a group of people who had previously been disenfranchised in this country."

Brown credits much of the success of the court decision to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), who played a major role in the case.

"Brown vs. the Topeka Board of Education was really a monumental victory on the part of the NAACP," Henderson said. "The NAACP was founded on the principle of improving the plight of African-Americans. I think they have done exactly their job. Brown vs. the Board was their crowning achievement, but they have accomplished so much more."

Though the results of the court case have been mostly positive, Henderson said there were some negative effects from the court decision as well.

"I have never had a teacher of color, and I say that because I think in the wake of Brown and the changes that occurred when doors started opening to corporate America and other places, African-Americans who had formerly gone into teacher education were no longer doing that," she said.

Henderson said the situation in America has improved, but it still needs to get better.

"The public school system in America, for the most part, has improved since Brown vs. the Board of Education," Henderson said. "I think that it needs to go further because, obviously, if African-American and white students are still in segregated schools, they are not really getting the opportunity to know one another. When they get out of school, the working environment is going to be much more diverse."

Last week, a letter-writing campaign was conducted to honor Rosa

Parks and the historic bus boycott in Montgomery, Ala. Students wrote letters to Parks, who recently celebrated her 90th birthday.

"What she did set history," said Jesse Haynes, director of minority affairs. "Why should we wait until this individual has passed on before we acknowledge her accomplishments that she did for everyone, not just people of African-American descent?"

The name for Black Achievement Month was recently changed from Black History month to acknowledge the accomplishments of blacks from the present and the past.

"Black Achievement Month should be for everybody," Haynes said. "Black Achievement Month should be a 365-day-a-year event where you educate yourself on all cultures, not just one specific culture."

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ECONOMY from 1A

University proves a major financial player

sales from 19-24 percent, so it plays a big part in the store operation."

Scheffe said the University played a part in the transition Wal-Mart made from the smaller store to the Supercenter. Scheffe said the store had to reach a certain quota to make a shift from a small store to a large store.

Overall, Scheffe said the University has a positive effect on the economy.

"I think there's a very good bridge between the community and the University," Scheffe said. "Ninety percent of the people at Nodaway County have either gone to school there or they know people that go there."

Nick Burke, manager of store operations at Hy-Vee, voiced many of the same sentiments and said the University brings in business in different ways.

"It brings in a larger client base," Burke said. "Friends and family members come into the store, and that increases the opportunities to serve."

Burke shows his support by hanging a huge green flag and showcasing Northwest apparel at the entrance to

Hy-Vee. That was one of the ways the University interacts with the community, he said.

"I think the University and the community work well together," Burke said. "We support the University, and the University supports us. It's not just a day event either. You can tell when school is in session, and you can tell when it's spring break. So the University really affects us."

Bliss said the University is recognized by the city in a lot of ways.

"The University is definitely an asset to Nodaway County," Bliss said. "Nodaway County isn't losing population, but it's not growing, so the 6,000 bodies definitely helps."

The county grew by about 1 percent last year, according to Bliss.

As Northwest begins to prepare for its centennial anniversary, Bliss is confident it will continue to get bigger.

"I can see (the University) playing a role in northwest Missouri," Bliss said. "I consider it a major player in the tri-county area."

CORSON from 1A

Educator remains confident in duty

events, it was inevitable," Michelle said. "It's pretty much business as usual. He's been doing this for 20 years."

Like the geography department, Michelle had been preparing for his departure for some time.

"I'm not really nervous for him," Michelle said. "It's the best choice given what Saddam Hussein has done. He's trained to defend the United States, and that's what he likes to do."

Overall, Corson said he is confident in his crew.

"I think we're going to do great work and do what President Bush tells us to do," Corson said.

"People have a little anxiety about the unknown, but everyone's ready to go."

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Stage set for V-Day 2003

By MONICA CALDWELL
FEATURES EDITOR

Eve Ensler perches barefoot on a bar stool alone on the stage save for the company of a microphone. Her voice echoes through the sold-out auditorium, reciting emotional dialogue she compiled herself based on more than 200 interviews with women of all ages from all cultures and countries.

Sometimes her audience laughs, sometimes they cry. Sometimes they gasp at the unexpected words that fall on their rapidly attentive ears and at the subject matter that has remained taboo in societies around the globe.

Eve Ensler is talking about vaginas.

Her Obie Award-winning play, "The Vagina Monologues," has been translated into more than 35 languages since its premiere in 1996. It has been performed in more than 40 countries and is currently booked in excess of 160 cities in the United States and Canada.

What began with a single conversation grew into a theatrical presentation intent on educating both women and men. "The Vagina Monologues" gives personal accounts of the mystery shrouding women's anatomy and the horror of abuse.

Following early productions of "The Vagina Monologues," audience members would approach Ensler and recount stories similar to those she and her meager yet powerful female cast brought to life on stage. Eventually, something had to be done.

"People would just line up after the show to tell me how they'd been beaten or raped," Ensler said. "And I just started to feel insane. And I said, 'Either I'm going to stop doing the show, or we're going to figure out a way to end violence against women.'"

Voila. V-Day was born Feb. 14, 1998, at the Hammerstein Ballroom in New York City from a benefit perfor-

mance of "The Vagina Monologues." Since then, V-Day, which stands for victory over violence, valentine and vagina, has become a worldwide phenomenon.

In 1999, the college initiative began. Besides the benefit performance at London's Old Vic Theatre, more than 65 schools in the United States and Canada produced shows and donated proceeds to local charities helping abused women. Over 20,000 people were exposed to the cause through the initiative.

"It's been a vagina miracle. This has an urgency and mysterious quality that I find amazing."

EVE ENSLER
PLAYWRIGHT, "THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES"

By the time V-Day 2000 was scheduled, 150 colleges around the world had volunteered to spread the word, this time to more than 15 million people internationally. In addition, the professional cast for the Los Angeles production included celebrities Gillian Anderson, Melissa Etheridge, Calista Flockhart and Winona Ryder.

But what established V-Day as a rising force were the events of Feb. 10, 2001. Following the Gathering to End Violence, a rally promoted by Equality Now, 18,000 men and women gathered in Madison Square Garden for the annual benefit performance of "The Vagina Monologues."

"Every year at V-Days, I ask the women in the audience to stand up if they've ever been raped or beaten," Ensler said. "(Here, about 9,000 women stood. Seeing the internalized shame after you've been brutalized is the most disturbing thing."

The 2001 college initiative spread to 230 schools around the globe and helped round the 5-year total profits to \$7 million. *Worth* magazine named V-Day one of the "100 Best Charities" of the year.

Capping off the phenomenon was V-Day 2002, which raised an additional \$7 million through 800 venues world-

wide including 515 schools. V-Day 2002 donated profits to over 1,000 organizations for battered women globally.

Prominent issues of violence against women cover more than simply rape and assault. V-Day contributes to ending offenses such as female circumcision, sexual slavery and what has come to be known as dowry death.

According to UNICEF, dowry death is an "accident" staged by a husband when he feels his wife's dowry is inadequate. It is estimated that over 5,000 women in India die each year from these actions.

Female circumcision, though illegal in most countries, is still fairly widespread in Africa and the Middle East and usually includes removal of all or part of the clitoris with glass shards, razor blades or knives and almost completely stitching shut the vaginal opening. Most girls are subjected to the procedure without anesthesia between the ages of two and 15. Approximately 130 million women are victims of this ritual, sometimes coupled with a forced marriage, each year.

These statistics are what led Ensler to Kenya, where a Maasai woman named Agnes Pareyio had been traveling throughout the country on foot for a decade to teach women about the dangers of female circumcision. Through V-Day, Pareyio received a vehicle and the funds to build a safe haven for girls who come to her for help.

"Circumcision is very much a part of the Maasai culture; it will not change in a quick amount of time," Pareyio said. "But (today) we have 60 girls who will not be circumcised, who will not be forced into marriage. That is a change."

Although Ensler's movement towards sexual equality has made a drastic impact in the lives of many people, she is not satisfied.

"I hope there's a time when 'The Vagina Monologues' goes out of business. That one day we won't have to be here anymore," she said. "There'll be a day when women literally can put on the shortest skirt and tightest top and feel good...and no one will hassle them or make them feel bad or insecure or threatened."

Intermission

■ The Italian city of Verona, where Shakespeare's lovers Romeo and Juliet lived, receives about 1,000 letters addressed to Juliet every Valentine's Day.

■ An average of 1.01 billion Valentine's Day cards are purchased each year, second only to Christmas.

■ The celebration of Valentine's Day started in the time of the Roman Empire.

■ The rose has become the traditional Valentine's Day flower. The meaning of the red rose is still well known as the flower of passion and love.

■ The Chocolate Manufacturers Association of America says that 36 million boxes of chocolate are sold each year for Valentine's Day.

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The stool sits vacant, waiting for a cast member of "The Vagina Monologues" to share the message of violence awareness to the audience. Two off-broadway casts and numerous universities produce benefit shows of the play each year to raise funds for anti-violence groups.

Violence statistics, national and global

■ In South Africa, a woman is raped every 35 seconds, and one in two women will be raped in her lifetime.

■ In the Philippines, there are an estimated 300,000 women in prostitution and 75,000 prostituted children.

■ Somewhere in America, a woman is raped every 90 seconds.

■ Internationally, two million girls between ages five and 15 are introduced into the commercial sex market each year.

■ The brothels of India hold between 100,000 and 160,000 Nepalese women and girls; 35 percent were taken on the false pretext of marriage or a good job.

■ Approximately 1.9 million women are physically assaulted annually in the United States. That's one woman every 15 seconds.

■ Girls who are raped before the age of 16 are more than three times more likely to experience domestic violence as adults and nearly three times as likely to be raped as adults.

■ Approximately 70-90 percent of Pakistani women experience spousal abuse.

■ Somewhere in America a woman is battered, usually by her intimate partner, every 15 seconds.

■ On average, more than three women are murdered by their husbands or boy-

friends in the United States every day.

■ Approximately 50 percent of the homeless women and children in the United States are on the streets because of violence in their homes.

■ About 1 in 36 college women experience a completed or attempted rape in an academic year.

■ According to the justice department, one in two rape victims is under 18, one in six is under 12.

■ Every 21 hours, there is a rape on a college campus in the United States.

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Poor three-point shooting hurts 'Cats in loss at Washburn

Bearcats take Blues down to the wire

By COLE YOUNG
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

For 39 minutes, the Northwest women's basketball team played to the level of the No. 12 Washburn Lady Blues. Then, the Blues went to the free-throw line.

Despite being within as few as four points, the Bearcats fell to Washburn 63-55, losing their third straight Wednesday night game.

After falling behind 17-10 early, Northwest was able to put together a 12-4 run in which

four different 'Cats scored. They were able to take that momentum to the locker room along with a 29-27 lead.

In the first half, the women were able to shoot 25 percent from the outside. However, Washburn overshadowed Northwest's performance by shooting 55 percent from three-point range.

With 15:29 left and the game tied at 35, Washburn was able to outscore the Bearcats 22-10 over the next 12 minutes. With their biggest deficit of the night, Northwest was able to put together their own 8-0 run to trail only 57-53 with 1:15 left in the game.

As Northwest began to foul with under a minute left, Washburn guard Bethany McGraw connected on six

free throws to seal the Lady Blues 19th victory of the season.

McGraw wasn't the only player for Washburn to have a career night. Fellow guard Alison Garrett who averages only five points per game scored 18 points.

From the outside, Washburn was able to tie a school record with nine three-pointers. Last time the two schools faced each other, they also tied the record.

For the Bearcats, Sarah Vollertsen led the scoring with 13 points. Jane Chalmers was close behind with 12 points and Jenna Wolfe added nine.

On the boards, Washburn held a five-rebound advantage. In addition to leading the team

In depth: vs. Washburn

	AT	W
55	Score	63
42.1	Field goal pct.	45.2
13.6	3-point pct.	47.4
26	Total rebounds	31
5	FT attempted	19
4	FT made	16
19	Turnovers	23
8	Bench scoring	12

in scoring, Vollertsen paced the Bearcats in rebounds with six.

Jenna Wolfe collected eight steals on the night to go along with her six against Missouri Southern.

After a loss to Truman State last week, head coach Gene

Steinmeyer admitted to being a little more difficult in practice than normal.

"My assistant coaches had to spend a little bit more time building the players back up after practice," Steinmeyer said.

Whatever the coach said in practice must have worked as the Bearcats were able to beat Missouri Southern 66-37. Tanesha Fields, Erica Hatterman and Wolfe all scored 13 in the win. The 6-foot-2-inch Vollertsen again led the way in rebounds with 12.

Up next for Northwest is another road trip as they will travel to Southwest Baptist University Saturday. Tip-off is at 1:30.

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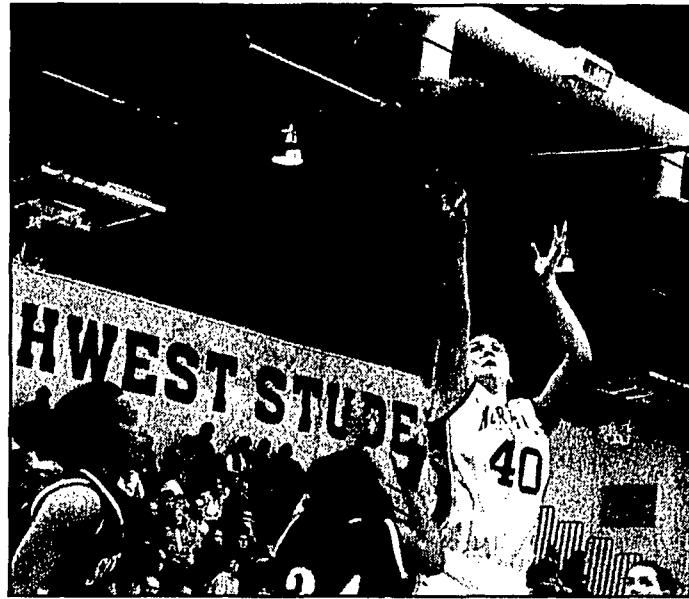


PHOTO BY MATT FRYE/CONTRIBUTING PHOTOGRAPHER
Junior Sarah Vollertsen is able to get over two Lion defenders in the Bearcats' 66-37 win Saturday over Missouri Southern. Vollertsen scored nine points.

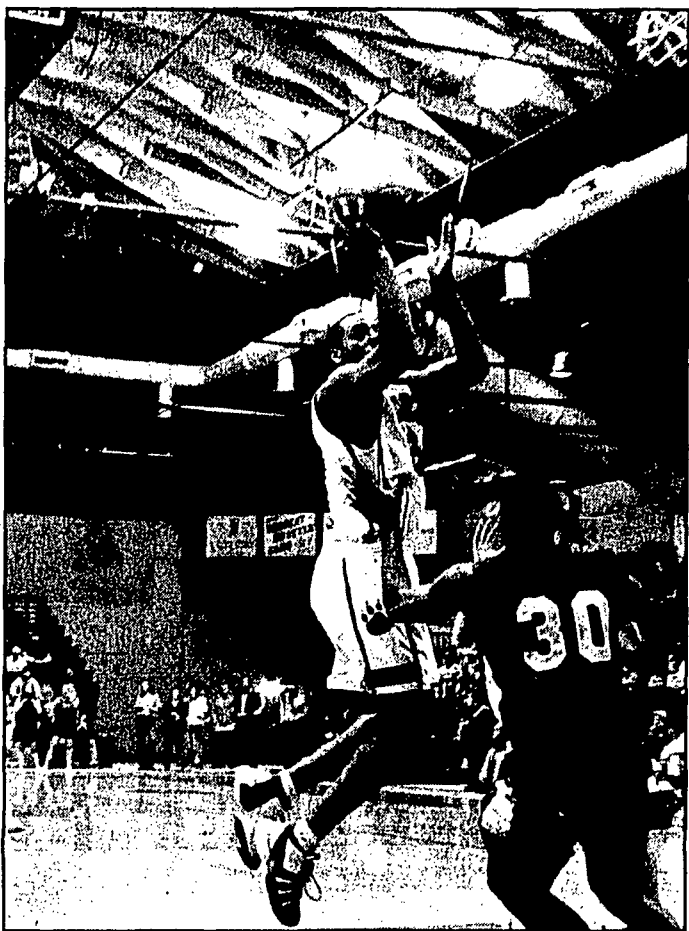


PHOTO BY MATT FRYE/CONTRIBUTING PHOTOGRAPHER
Senior guard Jelani Walker shoots over Missouri Southern defenders in the 'Cat's 93-92 win over the Lions Saturday at Bearcat Arena. Walker scored 12 points in the game.

Bearcats fall to 'Bods, despite second half lead

Big run by Washburn in second half helps Ichabods defeat 'Cats

By CLARK GRELL
SPORTS EDITOR

The Northwest men's basketball team continued their road woes, this time in Topeka Kan., losing to Washburn University 62-52 Wednesday night.

The loss drops the Bearcats to 8-5 in the MIAA and 16-6 overall. All six losses have come away from Bearcat Arena.

The Bearcats were in position to sweep nationally-ranked Washburn, and it appeared that would be the case halfway through the second half.

The Bearcats held a 41-31 lead with 13:14 left in the game before the Ichabods started a 13-1 run to take a 43-42 lead with 8:33 remaining.

Both teams exchanged baskets before the No. 23 Ichabods pulled away in the last minutes. Washburn finished the game on a 10-2 run.

Northwest got within three at 54-51 with less than three minutes remaining, but a three-pointer by Washburn's Gary Woodland put a stop to the Bearcats' hopes of a season sweep.

In depth: vs. Washburn

	AT	W
52	Score	62
31	Field goal pct.	38.2
23.5	3-point pct.	33.3
24	Total rebounds	45
37	FT attempted	18
22	FT made	13
15	Turnovers	16
7	Bench scoring	36

The Ichabods out-rebounded the Bearcats 45-24 with a 17-7 edge on the offensive side.

"They are so tough at getting the ball in on the block," head coach Steve Tappmeyer said. "Offensive rebounding is a real strength of theirs."

Both teams went back and forth in the first half. Two free throws by senior Scott Fleming from a technical foul pointed the Bearcats within one point at the half, 23-22.

Back-to-back three-pointers by seniors Joel Yeldell and Jelani Walker gave the Bearcats a 28-22 lead, one minute into the second half.

Fleming led all scorers with 21 points. Sixteen of those 21 points came from the free throw line. Junior Kelvin Parker added 10 points in the losing effort.

Two (Please see 'Cats' on page 2B)

Many former Spoofhounds have made an impact on the football field by staying in Maryville. Now it's Garrett's turn.

By CLARK GRELL
SPORTS EDITOR

Derek Garrett had a difficult decision to make during signing week.

Stay home and go to Northwest or head down to St. Joseph and become a Griffon.

In one of the biggest decisions of his life, Garrett signed with Northwest, adding him to a long list of Spoofhound football players that have played out their collegiate careers in Rickenbrode Stadium.

"It was really tough deciding between the colleges," Garrett said. "I waited until the last minute to make a decision."

Many fans in Maryville might have cringed when Garrett said he had interest in Missouri Western State College, one of the Bearcat's hated rivals.

"I caught grief just going to visit there," Garrett said, laughing.

He also showed interest in Benedictine (Kan.) College, but in the end, Garrett's heart was with Maryville and the Bearcats.

"Everyone left it up to me pretty much," Garrett said. "It was all my decision. My parents said they were fine with whatever I was going to decide."

His family and peers were supportive and confident of his decision.

"I have no doubts that he'll represent Maryville High School very well," Maryville head football coach John Pelzer said. "A lot of former Maryville students have done real well with the Bearcats, and Derek will be no exception."

Pelzer said he knew Garrett would have what it takes to go to the next level.

"Even before I met him, I heard enough about him to know that he was definitely one of the kids that was going to be a great player for us for the two years I was going to be privileged enough to work with him," Pelzer said. "We are really going to miss him in the secondary."

Garrett will hope to make the same kind of impact at Northwest as he did as a Maryville Spoofhound.

He started at quarterback his sophomore year, finishing the season with more than 1,000 yards rushing and 15 touchdowns.

He moved to defensive back his junior and senior seasons, making an impact on that side as well. He picked off three passes in his first start at defensive back his junior year.

Last season, Garrett finished eighth on the team in tackles, racking up 50 tackles, 35 of them solo.

Garrett said he and the team enjoyed the season, one in which the Spoofhounds came up one game short of going to sectionals.

"It was an experience to say the least," Garrett said. "I think this year, we had really good senior leadership. That was a key from turning it up from 4-6 to 8-2. We made it fun this year."

In his final game as a 'Hound, Garrett returned to the position he excelled at his sophomore season. Because of an injury to Ryan Holman, Garrett led the charge against Chillicothe, passing for 71 yards and rushing for 93 yards on 22 carries and one touchdown.

"It definitely brought up old memories," Garrett said. "But that was a tough game."

The 'Hounds lost to Chillicothe in that game, 21-10. However, the game proved that Garrett still has what it takes

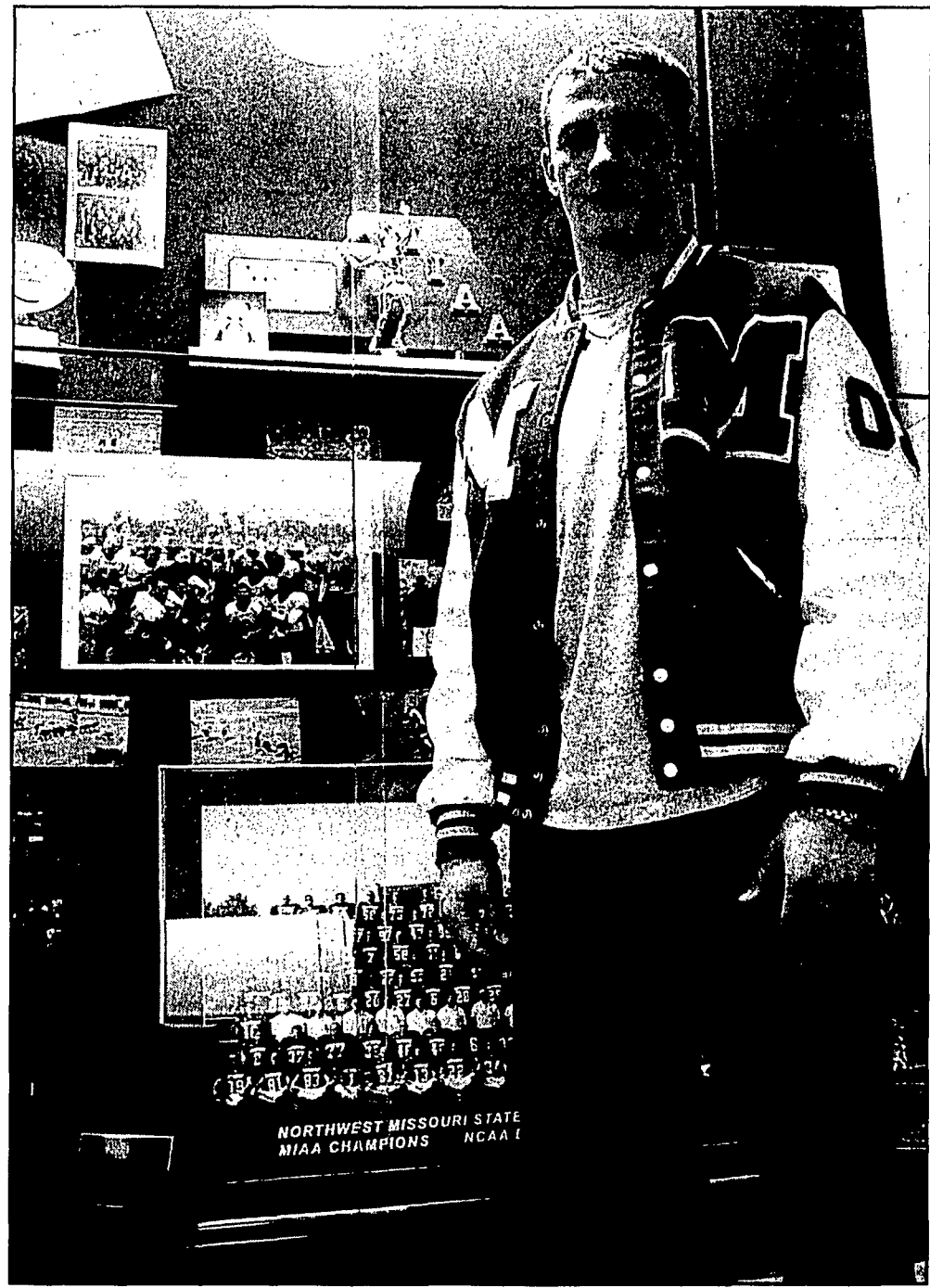


PHOTO BY BILL KNUST/EDITOR IN CHIEF
Maryville high senior Derek Garrett signed his letter of intent to play at Northwest on Feb. 5. Garrett played a major role for the 'Hounds on offense and defense. He now gets his opportunity to showcase his talents at the next level.

to play both defense and offense. "I enjoy both sides of the ball," Garrett said. "Either one is fine with me."

But as athletic as Garrett is, where (Please see 'Garrett' on page 2B)

Where Garrett can play (senior season statistics)

Quarterback: Rushed for 93 yards and passed for 71.
Cornerback: Picked off three passes for 43 yards.
Punter: Averaged 36.3 yards a punt.
Punt returner: Averaged 15 yards a return, had 1 TD.
Kick returner: Averaged 30 yards a return, had 1 TD.

Kansas City Chief officials to visit Northwest facilities in mid-March

Five schools are in eyes of Chiefs as possibilities

By CLARK GRELL
SPORTS EDITOR

Last fall, the Kansas City Chiefs announced they were wanting to move their training camp facilities closer to home.

Northwest was on the list of possible choices, and this week, Chiefs officials marked March 19 on their calendars. On that day, Chiefs assistant general manager Dennis Thum will make his visit to the Northwest facilities.

Northwest, along with Southwest Missouri State University, Central Missouri State University, Pittsburg State University and Missouri Western State College could be holding

and housing the Chiefs' training camps starting in 2004.

"They are coming to determine if our facilities will meet their needs," Northwest athletic director Bob Boerigter said. "We'll show them our fields, meeting rooms, cafeteria and dorms for players among other things."

The Chiefs are now holding training camps at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. The move will bring the Chiefs

closer to Kansas City, Mo.

The decision to move to Northwest will be based on the final renovations to Rickenbrode Stadium, which will include new locker rooms.

Another positive for Northwest is the proximity of the six practice fields on the west side of campus. A new residence hall will also be built in 2004.

The visit will also let Northwest officials know what they

need to improve on before the Chiefs make a decision.

"We hope we can find what their needs are and we hope to meet those needs," Boerigter said.

After the visit, the Chiefs will narrow their decision to two choices and make a second trip to those sites.

Unlike Northwest, Western has offered to build two more practice fields and an indoor practice bubble to fulfill the Chiefs' needs.

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Girls' basketball

The 'Hounds battled the Hornets Tuesday night in Maryville. Turn to page 2B to find out who won this high-scoring game and who the team has up next on their schedule.

Northwest baseball

Believe it or not, baseball is about to go into full swing. The Bearcats will travel to Oklahoma this weekend. To find out what head coach Darin Loe expects this weekend, turn to page 3B.

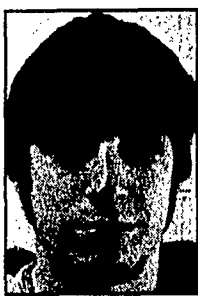


'Hounds wrestling

Sectionals are right around the corner. Turn to page 3B to find out how many grapplers are moving on to the next round.

ARMCHAIR QUARTERBACKS

Do the Bearcats have what it takes to win the conference title at this point in the season?



"Yes because they have the A-Train and Kelvin Parker."

JARED KENEALY
Education



"I haven't seen a game this year, but I am sure they are good."

MIKE CAMPBELL
Special Education



"Yes, because they have shown great potential."

ERIN LUNDERGAN
Marketing

Tracksters prepare for unique track

By CLARK GRELL
SPORTS EDITOR

The men's and women's track and field teams will compete in the Frank Sevine Husker Invitational this weekend in Lincoln, Neb., on a track unequal to any other this season.

The track at the University of Nebraska is 200 m long, like most indoor tracks, but has hydraulic banks. It also has a Mondo synthetic surface.

The banks are flat during the short sprints and long distance runs. The banks are then elevated for the 200 m dash, 300 m dash and 400 m dash.

It is one of few of its kinds in the United States.

"Track-wise, it is one of the best in the United States," men's head coach Rich Alsop said. "We had a lot of good performances on that track last year."

Last season was the first time the men's and women's teams competed on the track.

"Sprinters that go around the curves are going to greatly benefit by it," Alsop said. Times and lengths are improved greatly using the banks.

"We just keep telling them that it's a fast track," women's head coach Vicki Wootton said. "Especially in long jump and triple jump. The runways are real quick."

Wootton said that it can be hard adjusting to the track.

"Some are not able to adjust their mark," she said. "They take nine to the finals and sometimes there is not even nine people who hit a mark because of the track."

Strong Division II teams such as the University of Nebraska-Omaha and the University of Nebraska-Kearney will be competing in the meet along with Division I schools.

Both teams are coming off strong in-

Top finishers at Missouri Southern

Women

60 m dash - Alisha Samuel, 3rd, 7.74
200 m dash - Samuel, 7th, 26.55
400 m dash - Jenny Simmons, 9th, 1:00.59
800 m dash - Dina McMullen, 3rd, 5:32.25
High jump - Dina McMullen, 3rd, 5-3.25
Pole vault - Simmons, 2nd, 11-4.5
Long jump - Jill Fisher, 4th, 18-5.25
Triple jump - Gary Lacy, 8th, 36-2.25
Weight throw - Sara Wolff, 5th, 44-3.5
Shotput - Sara Wolff, 4th, 40-8.75

Men

400 m dash - Kevin Reeves, 5th, 51.03
800 m dash - Kyle Keraus, 3rd, 1:54.63
4 by 400 m relay - 7th, 3:24.48
Long jump - Travis Mason, 6th, 22-6.25
Triple jump - Jamaica Rector, 3rd, 49-2.25
Weight throw - Daniel McKim, 3rd, 54-1.75
Shotput - McKim, 3rd, 53-3.75

dividual performances in Joplin at Missouri Southern State College.

The men's side was highlighted by sophomore Jamaica Rector, who set a new school record in the triple jump with a leap of 49 feet, 2.25 inches. The mark placed him third overall.

Sophomore Daniel McKim had another strong performance in the shotput and weight throw, placing him third in both events.

Senior Jenny Simmons placed second in the pole vault with a height of 11 feet, 4.5 inches.

Senior Jill Fisher provisionally qualified for nationals in the long jump with a leap of 18.5 feet, 5.25 inches. The leap placed her fourth overall.

In the 60 m dash, Alisha Samuel placed third with a time of 7.74 seconds. Senior Kadie Campbell placed fifth in the 50 m dash with a time of 7.82 seconds.

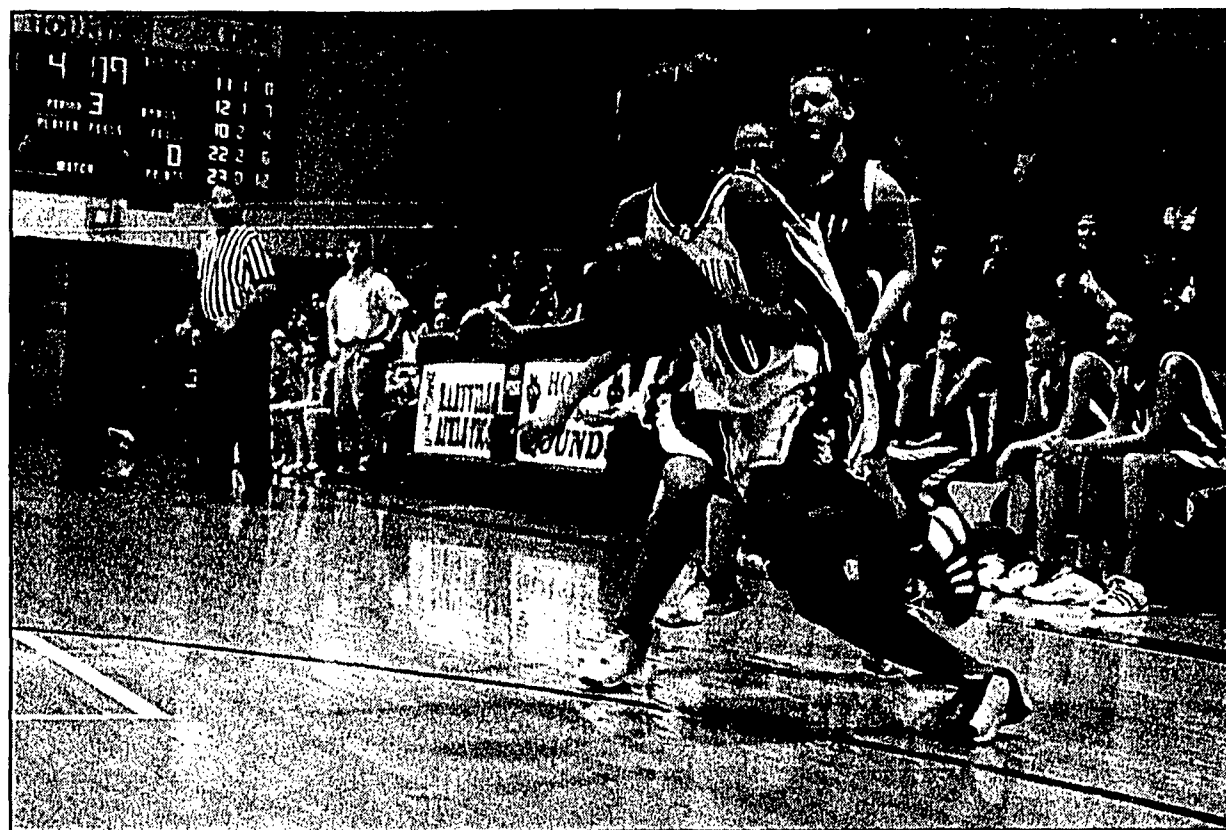


PHOTO BY MICHAELA KANGER/CONTRIBUTING PHOTOGRAPHER

Maryville junior Hilary Reynolds drives past two Chillicothe defenders Tuesday night. The 'Hounds' defeated the Hornets 83-74. The win ends a losing streak the 'Hounds' were experiencing. The team has three more games until Districts.

'Hounds end skid with win over Hornets

By BRIAN JOHNSON
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

After losing two close back-to-back contests, the Maryville girls' basketball team came back home Tuesday to face the Chillicothe Hornets on senior night.

With a packed house full of parents and cameramen everywhere, the 'Hound seniors did not want to leave their parents disappointed with another close loss. But at the end of the game no 'Hound fan was left disappointed with Maryville's 83-74 victory.

"We needed this win badly," head coach Randall Cook said. "We needed to get something done and make sure that we got the victory, and we did."

The victory was not as easy as the score made it seem.

In the first half, the 'Hounds were dominating the Hornets in every way. They out-rebounded, out-hustled and beat up the Hornets. However, in the third quarter, it was Chillicothe that was doing everything right and not the 'Hounds.

"They're a good team," Cook said. "They hustled, they scrapped and they are pretty athletic."

Maryville, which had a comfortable lead throughout the first half, was only up by three points at the end of the third quarter.

Late in the fourth quarter, the game was still in doubt. With 4:44 left in the game, a Chillicothe free throw cut Maryville's lead to only one point.

Cook was not worried about the close score.

"I wanted to beat them by 20 and get

out without much trouble," Cook said. "But, it wasn't bad that they made it real close, and we had to prove to ourselves that we can beat them in a close game."

With 2:11 left in the game, Maryville's size advantage took over.

"Size was important," Cook said. "Our plan was to go inside first, then back out. I think we did that at times. But, the way their defense is, sometimes a wide open shot from 18 is just as good."

With just seconds left, senior Amanda Kisker put an exclamation point on the game with a two-point buzzer beater.

Next up for the 'Hounds is Benton, in a rematch of their Jan. 27, overtime game.

"Benton is going to be really ready for us," Cook said. "We're going to have our work cut out for us, but it's going to make us better one way or the other."

CATS from 1B

Northwest falls at Washburn despite 22 made free throws

games now separate the Bearcats from the first place Ichabods (10-3, 16-4) in the conference standings.

However, at 8-5 in the conference, Tappmeyer said he is not surprised the Bearcats are still in contention for another conference title.

"When you have a balanced league, there are a lot of things that can happen," he said. "It makes it more amazing to look back and think 16-2 only got you a tie last year."

On Saturday, the Bearcats needed

nearly all 40 minutes to defeat Missouri Southern State College at Bearcat Arena, winning 93-92.

Yeldell was fouled with 0.4 seconds remaining and the game tied at 92.

Yeldell made the first free throw and intentionally missed the second to secure the win for the Bearcats.

The Bearcats shot 48 percent from beyond the arc in the win.

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MIAA conference standings

Team	conf.	overall
Washburn	10-3	18-4
Emporia State	10-3	13-9
Missouri Southern	9-4	15-6
Northwest	8-5	16-6
Missouri Western	8-5	16-6
Pittsburg State	7-6	14-8
Missouri-Rolla	6-7	11-10
Central Missouri State	5-8	10-12
Southwest Baptist	1-12	9-12
Truman State	1-12	5-17

GARRETT from 1B

Maryville senior says he is ready for the next level

would he fit at Northwest?

"He's very athletic and he has excellent speed," Tjeerdsma said. "He can fit either side of the ball. He can play in the secondary or at wide receiver. There are a lot of things he can do. Right now, we'd lean at starting him on the defensive side."

Garrett was one of 21 recruits signed

by Tjeerdsma and his staff. He said he is looking forward to seeing how the class plays out in the four to five years.

"It's going to be exciting to see what happens these next few years," he said. "This recruiting class is big. It's going to be fun."

Garrett will likely be red-shirted next season, but he hopes to make an impact.

"I'd really like to start that next season," he said. "After that, I just want to excel."

Where Garrett starts is not known at this point in his career. However, odds are that he will make the same impact made by other former 'Hounds.

"He has definitely proven that he's a great all-around player," Pelzer said.

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Northwest begins season on the road

By COLE YOUNG
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

While snow and ice cover the campus of Northwest, the baseball team will make their first appearance of the 2003 season on the road against Northeastern State University this weekend.

For Northwest, the three-game series in Oklahoma will give the squad an opportunity not only to see where the team is against live competition but also the chance to play somewhere other than the friendly confines of the Lamkin Activity Center basement.

"We've gotten outside one day and scrimmaged," head coach Darin Loe said. "It's going to be something new for us seeing balls in the sky and taking ground balls off of the dirt. Being the northernmost team in the conference, we know that for about the first three weeks of the season, we are going to be at a disadvantage."

The Redmen started the season last weekend by dropping a three-game series to No. 6 Abilene Christian University.

"They have the advantage with five games already under their belt," Loe said. "They've had a chance to work some of the kinks out where we are coming into the game with it being our first."

For the Bearcats, the three game series is not all about winning.

"From a coaching standpoint, you obviously would like to go in and win all three games this weekend," Loe said. "More importantly, you would like to do the little things on the field like throw strikes with the pitching staff and manufacture runs on the field. We may lack some things in the first few ball games because we aren't really in the swing of things yet."

One advantage Northwest does seem to have though is leadership.

"The juniors and seniors we have know how to work; how to practice and how to prepare for games," Loe said. "We have definitely become an upperclassmen team."

After the road trip, Northwest will see its next action in the Lyon College Classic in Arkansas the following weekend.

	FAN PLAN						
	TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Northwest men's basketball			Southwest Baptist 3:30 p.m.				Central Missouri 7:30 p.m.
Northwest women's basketball			Southwest Baptist 1:30 p.m.				Central Missouri 5:30 p.m.
Northwest indoor track & field							
Maryville boys' basketball		Benton 8 p.m.					
Maryville girls' basketball	Benton 8 p.m.						
Maryville wrestling			Sectional Tournament				

Goalkeeper Albee inks with Ottawa

By COLE YOUNG
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

For Maryville senior Tim Albee, four years of hard work and dedication to the Maryville soccer program paid off as he signed a national letter of intent with Ottawa University in Ottawa, Kan.

Albee, a goalkeeper, helped lead the Spoofohounds to a second place finish in district competition.

For Albee, the signing was not only a day that marked the end of his soccer career in Maryville, but it also was a weight off his shoulders.

"I had a tough decision to make," Albee said. "I had about five or six offers from Division II and NAIA schools. I'm happy to get it done."

Aside from Ottawa, schools offering Albee scholarships include Colorado Christian College, Hannibal-LaGrange (Mo.) and John Brown University (Ark.). Albee said Ottawa seemed like the right fit to him.

"The coach at Ottawa called me about every other day trying to persuade me," Albee said. "I liked what he had to say, and we are going into a rebuilding season, and I have a chance to be a starter for four years."

As a freshman, Albee faces just one other goalkeeper for the starting position.

"I go in as a freshman, and I am able to compete against another freshman, and if I want it bad enough, I can get the starting spot," Albee said.

One man who feels very confident in Albee's ability is Maryville head soccer

coach Stuart Collins.

"I think his future looks very good," Collins said. "He has a soccer player mentality, and if he works hard and keeps trying different things and doing different things, I'm sure he will be an important piece to their puzzle down there."

The 'Hounds' soccer program is in its fourth year and Albee has been a member of the team since its inception. Collins knows losing any senior creates a void on the team, replacing a goalkeeper is an especially hard task.

"Losing Tim is going to be huge," Collins said. "We have a sophomore coming up who will try to fill his shoes the best he can, but that's going to be difficult to do."

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FILE PHOTO
Cody Gillenwater earns a pin in an earlier match against Smithville. Gillenwater, along with ten other grapplers, were able to qualify for sectionals to be held this weekend in Maryville.

'Hound grapplers earn district title, qualify 11

By COLE YOUNG
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Maryville high school played host to the Class one District eight wrestling tournament last week, and 11 Spoofohound wrestlers saw their season continue for at least one more week.

In addition to the individual accolades, the team was able to earn the title of district champion after edging out Maysville by a score of 187-161.

"It was very important for us to do well as a team," head coach Joe Drake said. "(Winning districts) was something we set as one of our goals at the beginning of the year. This weekend is much more important though because it's the weekend that qualifies the boys into state."

At the sectional tournament, wrestlers who finish in the top four in their weight class qualify for the state championships at the University of Missouri-Columbia February 18-20.

Before the grapplers start dreaming about state though, they have a major task at hand with their sectional opponents. In addition to facing the same opponents as last weekend, Maryville faces familiar opponents Smithville and Cameron as well as seven other schools.

Leading the charge for the 'Hounds were freshman Cody Gillenwater, sophomore Skyler VanDiver and senior Derek Merrill, all earning first place medals.

Juniors Joe Drake, Eric Wilmarth and senior Evan Durfey all came away with second place honors.

Third place winners included junior Jon Reed, sophomores Colby Chesnut, Dane Mayes and Jason Tuggle and freshman Dexter Partridge.

After achieving the goal of winning districts, Drake said the next goal in line for the 'Hounds is to finish in the top 10 at state as a team.

"The first thing that is going to have to happen for us to get that goal is for us to see how many boys we get through to state," Drake said. "If we have some of our guys not get through this weekend, it could make for a tough road getting to the top 10."

While some wrestlers may see easier roads to state than others, Drake plans to focus on all wrestlers, not just those that he feels have the best chance to advance past sectionals.

"We are going to use this week to help all 11 of them hone their skills and try to get them up to the level we know will be necessary for them to advance," Drake said. "After that, it's up to the individual determination, talent and sometimes a little bit of luck to get them through."

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Northwest tops conference opponents in attendance

Northwest football once again topped its conference opponents, this time in attendance. In the seven home games, Northwest averaged

9,842 in attendance.

Counted in Northwest's attendance was also the game played at Arrowhead stadium against Pittsburg State, which drew a crowd of 26,695. Even without the game at Arrowhead, Northwest would have led the conference with an average crowd of 7,033.

Nationally, the Bearcats ranked third among Division II teams. Also ranking in the top 20 were

MIAA schools Pittsburg State and Emporia State.

As a conference, the MIAA ranked third among all others. In the conference's 57 games, 272,340 fans were in attendance.

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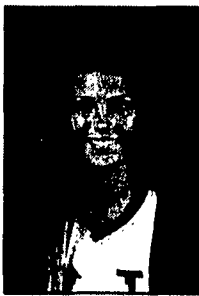
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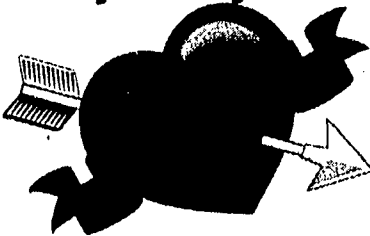
PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



Jenna Wolfe

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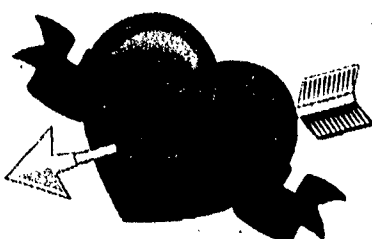
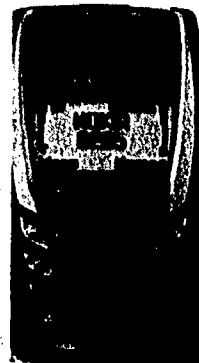
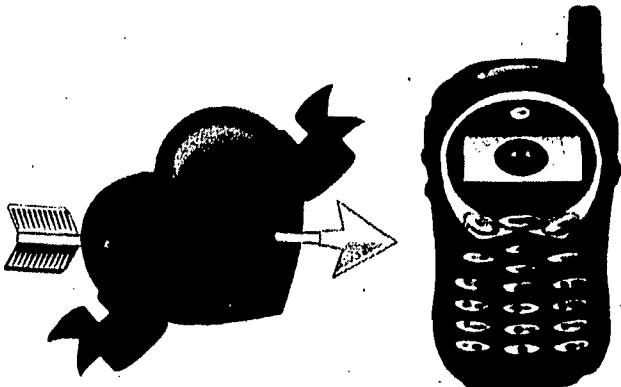
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Akins has averaged more than 20 points a game in the Hounds last four ball games. Akins is one of the team's leading scorers in his final season at Maryville High.



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Lovelorn Stroller despises holiday

It's an unmistakable stench, one that resembles an eclectic mixture of Mark Pi Chinese food left to rot mercilessly in the summer sun and the ripe odor of a Northwest linebacker's jockstrap. Yes indeed, it's the sickeningly sweet smell of romance.

You're all smart people. That's why you attend Northwest. So I'm sure you've deduced by now that Your Man is not among the biggest fans of this self-esteem-withering holiday we call Valentine's Day. To your Stroller, it's otherwise all-too-well known as "Just in case you've forgotten, here's another cruel reminder that you will never, ever get any, so go kill yourself now Day."

Yes, aside from Your Man's beyond obvious severe dislike for this greeting card, flower and crap-tasting chocolate company cash cow we dub Valentine's Day, I suppose I am also rather baffled by the fact that we celebrate the anniversary of a beloved ancient Roman priest's merciless beating and beheading by, uh, doing it. Then again, I guess that's how we celebrate the Super Bowl and birth of Christ, so never your mind. It's my standards that are screwed.

Who am I kidding? I have no standards. Hell, I reuse toilet paper. Perhaps instead, it's just the severe bitterness eating away at my guts along with the five-pound economy case of dangerously chalky conversation



The Stroller

hearts I bought for myself at Wal-Mart.

The shameful truth is, despite my obvious infinite coolness, Your Man will be spending yet another Valentine's Day alone this year. (That is, unless I spend yet another Feb. 14 trying to choke down my Red Lobster as Mom and Pop gaze into each other's too-old-to-be looking-at-anything-that-way eyes in the candle-light.)

Under, normal circumstances, I guess celebrating the holiday with my true loves Jimmy, Jack and Jose wouldn't be so bad. However, along with my fellow celibate-not-by-choice losers, I am unfortunate enough to attend what is quite possibly the most hormonally charged University in the Midwest.

In your Stroller's long and lonely, well, strolls across campus, it seems that everywhere I look, the romantic

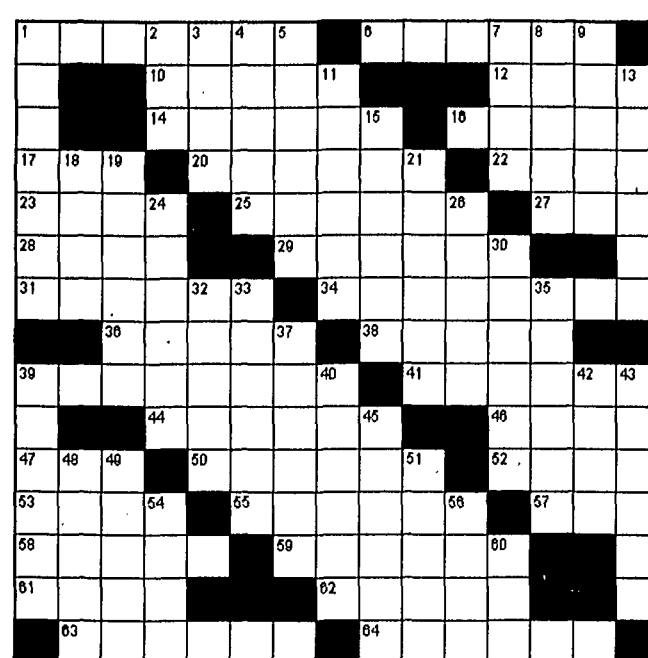
atmosphere here at Northwest seems to be undeniable. From greets in love to geeks in love, to aw heck, squirrels in love, I am constantly reminded of my sorry state. And, of course, the affection seems to be dripping. Your Man cannot seem to escape the gag-inducing sight of hand holding and socked-doorknobs, Outback dry-humping (and we're supposedly highly evolved) or even the sensuous and all-too-loud cell-phone conversations in Owens Library that go something like, "Yes Schnookums, of course I'll pick up those tampons. Super-absorbent? You got it Huggy-Bear." Ugh. Honestly, please spare us. Who says "Huggy-Bear?"

Oh well, to heck with it. It just dawned on Your Man that, despite my power and wisdom, all the whining 'most likely will not result in hardcore unadulterated nunnery for my sake.

So I suppose that if you can't beat 'em, join 'em. It can't be that hard to score a mate around here despite my obvious lack of romance-inducing luxuries such as a chiseled body, clear skin and a toothbrush. Watch and you'll see. Your man will become a hip swinger this Valentine's Day. Besides, if all else fails, this is Missouri. I'm sure I've got a cousin around here somewhere.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

WEEKLY CROSSWORD



Across

- Luminous
- Skulls
- Town in Maine
- Pot
- Get
- Former Rumanian queen
- How come?
- Puled
- Chip
- Oily wood

Down

- Unfreezes
- Fine-grained wood
- Food fish
- City in Illinois
- Sew together
- Make wider again
- Earth-boring machines
- Eviscerate
- Gritty
- Female

name

- Engage
- Long journey
- Male name
- Rang
- Calculations
- Deposits
- River rapids
- To be announced
- Acrylic
- Turkish judge
- Gambit
- dish, for cultures

- Kidnap
- Discover (4,2)

Down

- Maturation
- Court
- Medium range missile
- Famous
- Chewed
- Wallop
- Male name
- Hit
- Slicker
- Runt
- Kissed
- Fire up
- River in Washington
- Dampen
- Carbonyl compound
- Irish county and seaport
- Utters impulsively
- Glob
- Assisted
- Dined, not at home (3,3)
- Bow
- Run flat out
- Furl (4,2)
- Dead
- Imitation
- Roarer
- Noblemen
- Textile
- River plain
- Glycine max
- Island in the English Channel
- Step on it

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Swimming pool facts:

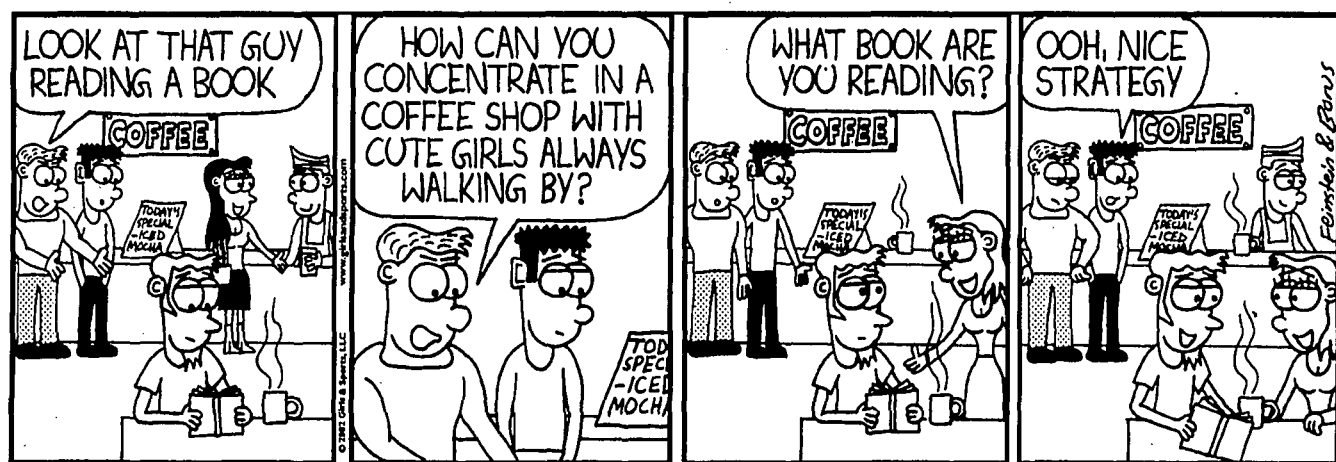
■ Swimming pools in the United States contain enough water to cover the city of San Francisco with a layer of water about 7 feet deep.

■ Women were banned by royal decree from using hotel swimming pools in Jidda, Saudi Arabia, in 1979.

■ Magnets help disinfectants kill nearly 33 percent more bacteria in swimming pools, say Cranfield University researchers in Bedfordshire, England. Their findings provide the first proof that commercial magnetic devices for treating water in swimming pools have an effect.

Girls & Sports

By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



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- Feb. 19 Stop at Line The 49er

- Feb. 22 The Prom Sokol Underground
- Feb. 24 John Doe The Music Box

■ "Lolita" author Vladimir Nabokov once noted, "I dislike immersing myself in a swimming pool. It is, after all, only a big tub where other people join you — makes one think of those horrible Japanese communal baths, full of a floating family, or a shoal of businessmen."

■ The swimming pool at the Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables, Fla., is the largest in the continental United States. It covers a half acre and holds 600,000 gallons of water.

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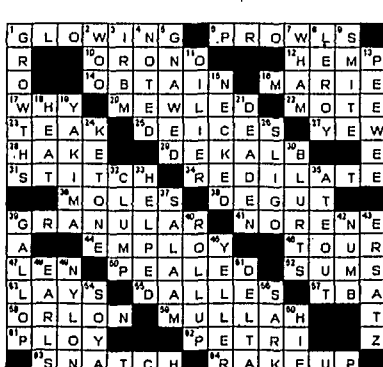
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